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SUBJECT: INGA-SHABA TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

REF: (A) STATE 217674, (B) KINSHASA 9628, PARA 3

1. ON SEPTEMBER 13, INGA-SHABA PROJECT DIRECTOR, N. ADAMS, GAVE EMBASSY COPY OF LETTER HIS FIRM HAD SENT PREVIOUS DAY TO SNEL (ZAIRIAN NATIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANY, I.E., THE ZAIRIAN ENTITY FOR WHICH THE INGA-SHABA LINE IS BEING BUILT). LETTER INFORMS SNEL THAT CIS IS IMMEDIATELY PUTTING ENTIRE PROJECT INTO CARE AND MAINTENANCE STATUS. ALL ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL CEASE IN MID-SEPTEMBER WHEN THE WORK IN PROGRESS REACHES THE LUBILASH RIVER. OPERATIONS AT INGA WILL GO TO CARE AND MAINTENANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND THE CAMP AT KOLWEZI WILL BE REDUCED TO A BARE MINIMUM AS SOON AS THE RECOVERY OF EQUIPMENT FROM MUSONOIE IS COMPLETE. CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS AT KANANGA AND KIKWIT WILL STOP AT A SOON-TO-BE DETERMINED TIME, OVERALL STAFF WILL BE REDUCED (800 ZAIRIANS AND 150 EXPATS WILL BE TERMINATED) AND A FULLER MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY STAFF WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE TOTALLY IN EFFECT BY OCTOBER 31, AND TO REMOBILIZE THE PROJECT AT A FUTURE DATE WILL COST ABOUT \$3.0 MILLION EXTRA.

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2. MR. ADAMS EXPLAINED THAT THIS ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN BY CIS BECAUSE THE BANK OF ZAIRE HAS FAILED TO PAY CIS THE \$2.4 MILLION PROMISED (REF A) AND THE \$1.0 MILLION PROMISED CIS EACH MONTH, STARTING THE FIRST OF THIS MONTH, FOR CURRENT EXPENSES. UNTIL THESE MONIES ARE PAID, CIS IS UNWILLING TO DO ANYTHING ON THE PROJECT EXCEPT AS OUTLIN

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3. MR. ADAMS HAD SHOWED EMBOFF PREVIOUSLY A XEROX COPY OF A LETTER DATED AUGUST 15 FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY TO THE BANK OF ZAIRE IN WHICH BANK IS INSTRUCTED TO PAY THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS TO CIS. MR. ADAM S NOTED AT THAT TIME HE HAS BEEN "RELIABLY" TOLD THE LETTER AND PAYMENT ORDER ARE "ON THE DESK OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK."

4. ON SEPTEMBER 12 EMBASSY CHECKED WITH THE PERSONAL SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR WHO ALLEGED LETTER WAS NOT IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT WE RAISED MATTER WITH THE GOVERNOR ON SEPTEMBER 7 --REF B-- AND OUR CALL WAS ALSO A FOLLOW-UP TO THAT CONVERSATION.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH COMMISSIONER (MINISTER) OF FINANCE EMONY SEPTEMBER 12, CHARGE BRIEFED EMONY ON CIS PAYMENT QUESTION. COMMISSIONER PROMISED TO URGE PROMPT ACTION AT THE BANK AFTER HE HAD FIRST COORDINATED THIS ACTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY.

6. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP AS NECESSARY ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE BANK GOVERNOR.
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